



**Lewis and Clark County  
Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council  
Zoom Conference Room**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**11:30am-12:30pm**

**Leadership Team: Drenda Niemann, Chair, Marvin Colman, Vice Chair and Matt Furlong, Past Chair, Jolene Jennings, BHSIS.**

**Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions – Drenda**

**Attendance:** Drenda Niemann, Jolene Jennings, Kim Gardner, Jill-Marie Steeley, Commissioner Any Hunthausen, David Roberts, Dennis Nyland, Eric Griffin, Gary Mihelish, Gianluca Piscarelli, Jadin Van Steenvort, Jillian Danesi, Jen Preble, Jess Hegstrom, Katie Jerstad, Marvin Colman, Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Michelle Marshal, Rebecca Hargis, Rena Steyaert, Robin Suzor, Theresa Ortega, Wynn Randall, Amy Emmert, Jeffrey Krott, Matt Furlong.

Number of participants on call: 26

**II. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2020 – Approved with no changes by Gary M. and Kim G.**

**III. COVID19 Update and Tools- Drenda**

Two website resource tools to address COVID19 reporting and risk assessment were introduced and reviewed.

**A – MT State COVID19 complaint reporting website page** to help prevent the spread of COVID by reinforcing current restrictions.

Gov. Bullock reinstituted new restrictions including restaurants, bars, casinos distilleries -50% capacity and closure doors by 10pm, with breweries closing at 8pm. All these complaints come back to LCC Public Health and designated staff contact businesses struggling to comply to reinforce regulations and why for disease and mitigation. Education and technical assistance are provided with update to mitigation plans. If continues, an order of corrective action is taken and LCC PH attorney may be contacted to assist if compliance with regulations are not applied.

In addition, the public can call the County Public Health main line to leave a complaint at 457-8900.

**B- Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool** – Risk by location using US Map. Identify event size, and location to find out % of current risk, i.e.; group of 25 as of 12.1.20, had a 75% chance of having people with COVID19 in group. Valuable tool to enforce Zoom communication vs in person meetings.

In LCC right now, there is an extremely high rate of infection happening right now in our county, unfortunately, this is equating to a high infection rate in our long-term care and death. We have had 4 deaths in past 24hrs. Please continue to your high level of safety practices and thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Site links embedded in agenda and explored during meeting.

**A. State complaint reporting site**

**B. COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning**

#### IV. 2021 MT Behavioral Health Legislative Forum Update/Workgroup 2 – Jen Preble

Small workgroup out of the LAC has been meeting with Jolene keeping group moving forward and organization in planning process.

Legislative Forum similar format to first forum in 2018. Morning meeting scheduled on Zoom from 7:00-8:30am, extended from 60 to 90 minutes this year with participants believed to have the ability to access easily remotely. Hoping for at least 12 behavioral health NPO's targeted to present their priorities and legislative issues and identifying the highest need in 2021-2022.

Presenters include; NAMI, St. Peter's Health, Shodair, MT Primary Care Association, AWARE, AFSP.

Registration thus far: 40 (*Includes 3 Legislators*)

Moving forward to final post-event meeting next week. If you have not yet RSVP'd to Jolene, please do. Final presenter priorities and documentation requested to Jolene by end of this week.

We are also asking for people to contact and invite their legislators from our tri-county area to attend. Mary Ann Dunwell suggested phone calls vs emails to make sure communication does not get lost in volume. Gary M., Planning Committee and those on call are requested to outreach.

Jolene to send out full Legislative List to all on call as suggested by Andy H.

**2021 MT Behavioral Health Legislative Forum is Friday, December 11, 2020, 7:00am-8:30am**

#### V. Strategic Planning Survey Draft– Jolene

We are moving forward on drafting the Strategic Planning Survey which will drive the special 2-hour February Strategic Planning session with Dan Clark. Survey outline from 2018 Strategic Planning was baseline with additional topics based on where we are today. LAC members will receive the survey between last week of December to first week of January, ideally prior to our January 5<sup>th</sup> LAC Monthly meeting. Your thoughtful responses are requested to build a 3-year strategic plan for LCC LAC. Baseline of the survey plus current issues will be targeted; this will include questions below and more. Survey was designed with Dan Clark and Jolene and all responses will be received by MSU SurveyMonkey account. If paper format needed, please contact Jolene.

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##### **2021 Strategic Planning Accomplishment & Priorities**

- REFLECTION ON RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- 2-3 of the Lewis & Clark County Behavioral Health Local Advisory Committee during the last 2 years that you feel most proud of or you feel have had the most impact on the County as an organization
- What major accomplishments, whether planned or not, best demonstrate the effectiveness of Lewis & Clark County's Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council?
- STRENGTHS
  - Internal
  - External
- CHALLENGES
  - Internal
  - External
- 2021-2023 Specific Objectives
  - 3-5 (minimum of 3 objectives)
- Over the next three years, what are the top 3-5 actions the Lewis & Clark County Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council needs to do to meet its specific objectives?
- Will you be participating in the February 2, 2021 Strategic Planning Session from 12-2pm?

- New areas include: Legislative Engagement, Member Training and Development, and a few more areas I'll be reviewing with Steering Committee to finalize end of December.

## **VI. AMDD BH Crisis System Strategic Planning in Draft – Jolene**

I participate in a Crisis Coordinator call on a monthly basis with Addictions and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) and I wanted to share with LAC that AMDD is in process of drafting a strategic plan for funding allocations in FY22-FY23. They are focusing and streamlining their funding allocations to address Behavioral Health Crisis Systems in a more targeted effort to coincide with the state's SHIP Behavioral Health Priority Area 1 to align funding to align strategies. Structure and support are being solidified and brought in-line with community planning and crisis response. It is in solid draft by AMDD, but they are still collecting final input from their contributors before finalized in early 2021.

Based on what I heard at the Crisis Coordinator Meeting, AMDD plans to start this funding structure in July 2021, with limited to no gaps and this will provide target focus areas for funding and application. This menu or area focused format is common on many grants funding. Mary Collins at AMDD expects this to be an easier format.

Kim Gardner-Data is needed to help direct Public Policy for Mental Health Crisis Team Meeting that meets on Tuesdays at 10am and has been for some time. Kim extended an invitation to Jolene to attend and apologized for not extending an invitation previously. Randy Ranalli and Kim lead this group and are planning to send further data about the groups work and desire to join with other's data purposeful collection and communication. It would be helpful to have knowledge of AMDD's final strategy to know how they should apply this framework to provider data requirements, if needed. Drenda and Jolene both spoke briefly about current data collection and analysis in works and this both a timely and bigger conversation. Jolene asked if Kim was familiar or involved with the FUSE data dashboard project in the county, and this was new to Kim, something we can add to data agenda beyond the Behavioral Health Leadership Team data framework in process. Discussed adding to January agenda and Jolene suggested this might be a good strategic objective for LAC in 2021.

## **VII. VI. Public Comments -10 minutes available.**

Theresa provided update and overview of new Street Outreach Staff and what is happening in their experiences at GSM: Our Place. Two things or so: Office open but split staffing team schedule to avoid COVID19 exposure to multiple staff.

Last several weeks extremely busy with Street Outreach Program and have been outreaching to many for help including the Police Dept, who has been very helpful. We need help with this, as this is taken off and it has grown to 24/7 needs and pulling existing staff into assisting new Street Outreach staff to meet homelessness. She wants to meet with Mobile CRT to provide support for what GSM: Our Place is doing. Gianluca agreed to follow-up to connect.

Want feedback from group on what they are seeing and asking you to help us run with this as the need is great!

Is there any chance to have someone come to their location for COVID testing?

Amy Emmert of SPH stated she can check to see if SPH can arrange one of their community paramedics to do some testing in community.

C4MH does have SAMHSA COVID19 grant funds to provide direct treatment for uninsured with SM, SMI or co-occurring MI/SUD. Contact Julie Prigmore or Jen Preble at Center for Mental Health for referrals. They are also in Connect Referral System as accepting uninsured for "no fee" option while grant in place thru July 2021. Call for collaborations of services.

**Poll question** posted to group on call regarding LAC meeting minute protocol: *Do you prefer names or total number of participants recorded in minutes?* Response: Majority selected names to be recorded.

**New temporary free Crisis Response Therapy Call line during COVID19 with state: 877-503-0833** (R. Dunwell)

**Suicide Prevention Coalition receives grant award of \$30k for Lethal Means from Mental Health Trust for education and materials for suicide prevention. Congrats!**

Call adjourned beyond scheduled end time at 12:40 pm

**Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2020 @11:30am**